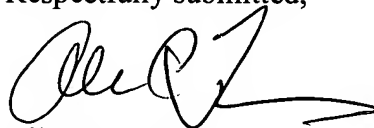


REMARKS

The application is to be amended as previously set forth in an effort to conform more closely to U.S. practice. All amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Generally, the amendments remove multiple dependencies from the claims. No new matter has been added.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allen C. Turner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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